PRESIDENT: The honourable member knows very well the ruling of the matter. He now asks whether the attention of Government was invited to a fact; if it is answered 'yes', the next question will follow 'how the attention of the Government was invited to the fact'; and then the contents of the report will have to be given out.

MR. N. VALU ASARI (*Nominated*): അടുത്ത കൊല്ലത്തേക്ക് ഈ പതിനായിരം രൂപകൊണ്ടു മതിയാകുമോ

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes Sir.

MR. N. VALU ASARI: അടുത്തകാലങ്ങളിൽ പതിനായിരം രൂപയിൽ കൂടുതലായ തുക ലോൺ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, sir.

Ceramic Factory.

106. ✻ **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total cost of the Ceramic Factory; and

(*b*) the total income from the Ceramic Factory till 15-11-1114?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) The expenditure till the end of Edavam 1114 is Rs. 6,70,835-12-7.

(*b*) the income till the end of Edavam 1114 is Rs. 8,261-14-0

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know the respective incomes on the Ceramic side and on the Kaolin side?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Separate figures are not now available.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): ഈ ആദായം കിട്ടി എന്നു പറയുന്നതു ഏതു കാലത്തേയ്ക്കാണ് ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It was earned during the last six months.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ഈ അസംബ്ലി ഹാളിന്റെ പ്രവേശനദ്വാരത്തിൽ പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സാധനങ്ങളെല്ലാം ഈ ഫാക്ടറി സജ്ജീകരിച്ചുവയാണോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR: What will be the total income in 1114?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: About Rs. 15,000,

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR: Why has it fallen so short of our expectations?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The sales began only about the close of the year.

PRESIDENT: About a month ago.

Ceramic and Clay refining Factory.

107. ✻**MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI** (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what are the general educational qualifications of the Ceramic Expert who is in charge of the Ceramic and Clay refining Factory;

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[Mr. P. Sivarama Pillai.

(*b*) whether he has taken any diploma or degree in Ceramics, and if so, from which institution or University;

(*c*) whether he had been in charge of any Ceramic factory before he was appointed here, and if so, when and where;

(*d*) whether he has worked in a Ceramic factory in any capacity and if so, where and in what capacity; and

(*e*) whether there were applications for the post of Ceramic Expert from persons holding degrees in Ceramics and having previous factory experience?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Completed Intermediate course in science, and studied for some time in the B. Sc. Class.

(*b*) Passed the Honours Examination in Pottery and Porcelain of the Technical College at Stoke-on-Trent.

(*c*) Yes, In 1914 in the Eureka Porcelain Works, Ltd., Punjab.

(*d*) Yes. He worked as Ceramic Chemist in the following factories:—

(i) John Anseley China Works, Longton in Staffs.
(ii) Minton Hollin China and Porcelain Works, Stoke-on-Trent.
(iii) Couldon Pottery Factory Burslem in Staffs.
(iv) French Government Pottery Factory at Paris Severs.
(v) Dr. Segar Factory, Berlin, Germany.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Has the Ceramic Expert passed the Intermediate Examination?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Then why is it stated in part (*a*) of the answer that he has 'completed Intermediate course in science'? It could have been specifically stated that he has passed the Intermediate Examination.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: If he had not passed the Intermediate Examination he could not have joined the B. Sc. class.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: With reference to part (*c*) may I know how long he was in charge of the factory at Punjab?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I have no information.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: With reference to part (*e*) may I know how many applications there were?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: 6.

PRESIDENT: When was this?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: In 1936.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Were there applications from candidates with better qualifications?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

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MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government enquired into the reason why this gentleman happened to be serving in so many different factories?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: What was he doing before his appointment as Ceramic Expert here?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: He was the Professor of Ceramics in the Benares Hindu University.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: What was his pay there?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I do not know.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: What is his pay here?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Rs. 600.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND IX—MEDICAL.

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE *Surgeon General*: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 10,50,977 under Demand IX—Medical.

Motion No. 320.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,200 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

The object of this motion is to discuss the desirability of increasing the number of House Surgeons in hospitals and dispensaries. Sir, the scheme for the entertainment of honorary House Surgeons was commenced in the year 1110 and we find in the Budget of the year 1115 that there is a provision for an honoraria being paid to 12 House Surgeons at the rate of Rs. 30 per mensem and to 4 House Surgeons at the rate of Rs. 20 per mensem and the total amount provided for the purpose in the next year's budget is Rs. 5,230 on the whole.

Sir, let us now look at the question whether this scheme has resulted in any substantial benefit to the public in the matter of getting medical aid. In the Financial Secretary's speech introducing the Budget for the year 1114 it is stated like this—"Those honorary House Surgeons do regular hospital work and thereby meet in some measure the demand for additional staff in the Medical Department." Sir, there is a general complaint from the public and I presume from the departmental head also that the number of medical officers just at present in the department is not quite adequate to the needs of several institutions in the State. Sir, this difficulty of the Department and the inconvenience and sufferings of the public could be very well remedied by increasing the number of these Honorary House Surgeons; and a resort to this course, of course will not entail very large expenditure either. Sir, it can be seen from the administration report of the Medical Department for the year 1113—I am stating it as an instance—that in Chengannur District Dispensary the total number of patients treated in the year 1113 was 48,668 and that the average daily attendance was 375.44. Sir, there is only one medical officer in charge of this institution and

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